

Attorney Docket No.: 15162/01321
Preliminary Amendment Accompanying
Divisional Utility Application of Co-Pending
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/456,184
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REMARKS/COMMENTS

By this Preliminary Amendment, the title of the application has been amended to properly describe the invention claimed in the divisional application. The specification has been amended to take into account the information regarding the U.S. parent application and its Japanese priority application data. Claims 1-6 and 12-26 have been cancelled without disclaimer or prejudice as being directed to a non-elected invention. Claims 7-11 are original claims of the parent application Serial No. 09/456,184, but which were cancelled from that application without prejudice.

CONCLUSION

The filing fee for the divisional application was calculated based on the status of the claims after entry of this Preliminary Amendment. This Preliminary Amendment does not increase the number of claims and does not present any multiple dependency claims. A Transmittal Letter, in duplicate, is being filed concurrently herewith authorizing the filing fee to be charged to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Any fee required by this document other than the issue fee, and not submitted herewith, should be charged to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Any overpayment should be credited to the same account.

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